



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

April 13, 2023

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FROM: Tommy Oakes, Interim Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: **APRIL 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Important legislative cutoffs for this meeting are:

April 12, 2023, Opposite House Cutoff
April 23, 2023, End of Session

Agency Request Legislation

Our agency request bill HB [SHB 1132](#)

Relating to the oversight and training requirements for limited authority peace officers and agencies. This will allow our law enforcement officers to be trained and certified. **It passed all committees and floor votes in both the House and Senate unanimously. It is headed to the Governor.**

Bills with Direct Gambling Industry Impacts that are still alive in the legislative process:

1. **[HB 1824, Authorizing bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations to conduct auctions on shooting sports and activities sweepstakes.](#)**

This is the same bill as HB 1438 that we talked about last month. It has a new title and contains the changes the staff recommended. This bill would change the law to allow charitable and nonprofits to hold auctions on sport shooting contests like in [RCW 9.46.0341: Golfing sweepstakes authorized. \(wa.gov\)](#). **This bill got stuck on the Senate floor and did not get voted on in time. It will still be alive for next year.**

2. **[2SHB 1681/2SSB 5634 Relating to Problem Gambling](#)**

These bills contain the recommendations of the Problem Gambling Task Force. You voted last month to support these bills. **2SHB 1681 did not make it to a floor vote.**

2SSB 5634 has passed the Legislature and is being sent to the Governor.

3. **[HB 1707](#) Relating to bingo conducted by bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations.**
This bill would change from allowing bingo only in the county where the organization is principally located to allowing the organization to operate outside of the county if they are principally located in this state. It has a limitation of no more than 3 licenses. **This bill has been passed by the Legislature and is being sent to the Governor**